

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

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In re:

Administrative Order 06-4

**Order Amending Local Rule 5001-2(C)
Regarding Court Security and
Electronic Devices**

In accordance with entry of Administrative Order 2006-16 of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, the court has determined that it is necessary to amend this court's Local Rule 5001-2(C). Accordingly, it is ordered that:

Local Rule 5001-2(C) which reads as follows:

(3) Electronic Devices. Visitors with electronic devices, including but not limited to cell phones, pagers, personal data assistants (PDA), laptop computers, tape recorders, etc., will not be permitted to enter the 14th floor of the Claude Pepper Federal Building in Miami, or any areas of the West Palm Beach and Ft. Lauderdale courthouse buildings. This restriction shall not apply to individuals possessing valid identification identifying them as belonging to the following categories: federal courthouse employees, Florida Bar members or attorneys who have been authorized to appear by pro hac vice order, United States government or State of Florida law enforcement officers, court licensed court reporters, U.S. Trustees' Office staff and designated bankruptcy trustees and those possessing a written request signed by a federal judge or designated authority and verified by the U.S. Marshal's Service. Absent permission of the presiding judge, recording and communications devices must remain off while court is in session. Cameras of any type, including cell phones which have a camera device, shall not be allowed in these areas unless a written order signed by a federal judge and verified by the U.S. Marshal's Service is presented to the court security officer. This prohibition shall not apply to U.S. Probation Officers and courthouse employees.

is amended to read:

(3) Electronic Devices.

- a) General Prohibition.** All electronic devices including but not limited to cameras of any type (including cellular phones which have an integrated camera device), cellular phones, pagers, personal data assistants (PDA),

laptop computers, tape recorders, etc., are not permitted on the 14th floor of the Claude Pepper Federal Building in Miami, or any areas of the West Palm Beach court offices or the Ft. Lauderdale courthouse building.

b) Exceptions. Notwithstanding paragraph (3)(a) above:

1) the restrictions against cellular phones (including phones with integrated camera devices), pagers, personal data assistants (PDA), laptop computers, tape recorders, etc., do not apply to individuals having official business within the court environs and possessing valid identification identifying them as belonging to the following categories: federal courthouse employees, Florida Bar members or attorneys who have been authorized to appear by pro hac vice order (this applies to attorneys only and precludes staff, investigators, clients, etc.), any special agent of the United States government or other law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the law within the Southern District of Florida, court licensed court reporters, U.S. Trustees' Office staff and bankruptcy trustees. Absent permission of the presiding judge, recording and communications devices must remain off while court is in session.

2) A judge or other designated authority may, by signed request forwarded to the U.S. Marshal for verification, allow a specific person access to the courthouse with a specific electronic device for a specific purpose and period of time.

3) In the event a jury panel is seated in a case or proceeding before this court, the exception set forth in paragraph I(F) of Administrative Order 2006-16 of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida with respect to cellular phones and jurors shall apply.

c) Penalty for Violations. The penalty provisions set forth in Administrative Order 2006-16 of the United States District Court, Southern District of Florida, shall apply in this court for violations of this order.

ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on August 18, 2006.

/s _____
Robert A. Mark
Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

c: All SDFL Bankruptcy Judges
Office of the U.S. trustee
All bankruptcy trustees
Clerk, U.S. District Court, SDFL